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Date 5/11/93

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REASON: 1.5 (S)

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380202 4-24-97

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 (ATTN: INTD, CI-2E UNIT)

FROM : SAC, WMFO (65X-WF-186166) (P) (CI-4)

SUBJECT : POSSIBLE UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF CLASSIFIED
 INFORMATION TO CHUCK HANSEN, ET AL, AT THE
 DEFENSE NUCLEAR AGENCY, WDC;
 ESP-X
 OO:WMFO

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Reference WMFO teletype dated 4/30/93 to the Bureau and San Francisco.

Per referenced teletype enclosed for the Bureau and San Francisco are copies of xeroxed documents provided by the interviewee, [Redacted Box] of the Defense Nuclear Agency.

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ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

2-Bureau (Enc. 1)
 2-San Francisco (Enc. 1) (PALO ALTO RA)
 2-WMFO (Enc. 1)

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FM FBI WMFO (65X-WF-186166) (CI-4) (P)

TO DIRECTOR FBI/PRIORITY/

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REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

CHECK INDICES REGARDING ANY INFORMATION FOR CHUCK HANSEN,

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1086 SO. BERNARDO AVENUE, SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA.

BY WAY OF BACKGROUND, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] VIRGINIA CONTACTED A WMFO AGENT [REDACTED]

REGARDING A MATTER HE THOUGHT MIGHT BE OF INTEREST TO THE FBI.

IN SHORT, [REDACTED] BELIEVED THAT ONE, CHUCK HANSEN, AND

POSSIBLY OTHER INDIVIDUALS WERE RECEIVING CLASSIFIED

INFORMATION [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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ON THURSDAY, [REDACTED] WAS INTERVIEWED AT THE
NORTHERN VIRGINIA OFFICE OF WMFO.

AT THE OUTSET, [REDACTED] WAS ASKED TO EXPLAIN THE FUNCTION
AND DUTIES OF THE DNA. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THE AGENCY'S
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] CONTINUED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

AT THIS TIME, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

ONE, CHUCK HANSEN, 1086 SO. BERNARDO AVENUE, SUNNYVALE,
CALIFORNIA. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] HANSEN

[REDACTED] REGARDING HANSEN. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HANSEN [REDACTED]

INASMUCH AS THIS SOURCE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THAT HANSEN'S

[REDACTED] HANSEN'S [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

IN THE END, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HANSEN, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

FINALLY, [REDACTED]

HANSEN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HANSEN [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WMFO WILL SEND FBIHQ AND SAN FRANCISCO COPIES OF

THE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

LEAD

SAN FRANCISCO AT SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA

1) CHECK INDICES, FILES AND CONDUCT LOGICAL
INVESTIGATION IN AN ATTEMPT TO FURTHER IDENTIFY HANSEN.

2) DO NOT CONTACT OR INTERVIEW HANSEN AT THIS TIME //
REGARDING THE ABOVE.

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Date 6/18/93

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380202 424-97

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 (ATTN: INTD, CI-2E UNIT)

FROM : SAC, WMFO (65X-WF-186166) (CI-4) (P)

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Reference WMFO teletype to the Bureau and San Francisco dated 6/17/93.

Per referenced teletype enclosed for the Bureau and San Francisco (Palo Alto RA) are [REDACTED] provided to the case agent by Defense Nuclear Agency [REDACTED]

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 2-WMFO (Enc. 1)

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TO DIRECTOR FBI/PRIORITY/

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PASS: INTO, CI-1C UNIT.

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REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

PER FCIM 45-5.1, BUREAU AUTHORITY IS REQUESTED FOR

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INTERVIEW BY PALO ALTO RA OF CHUCK HANSEN.

REFERENCE WMFO AIRTEL AND ENCLOSURES TO THE BUREAU AND
SAN FRANCISCO (PALO ALTO RA) DATED 5/11/93 AND WMFO TELETYPE
TO THE BUREAU AND SAN FRANCISCO DATED 4/30/93.

ENCLOSED UNDER SEPARATE COVER FOR THE BUREAU AND SAN
FRANCISCO ARE [REDACTED] FURNISHED TO WMFO BY
DEFENSE NUCLEAR AGENCY (DNA) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] CHUCK HANSEN.

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ON TUESDAY, JUNE 7TH, THE CASE AGENT INTERVIEWED DNA

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] THIS INTERVIEW WAS

SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED BY DNA.

AT THE OUTSET, THE CASE AGENT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CHUCK HANSEN. DNA

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HANSEN'S FOIA REQUESTS INASMUCH AS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DNA [REDACTED]

ATTEMPTING TO [REDACTED]

HANSEN. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HANSEN WAS DISCOUNTERED INASMUCH AS SOME OF THE
DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BY HANSEN [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] DNA

OPINED THAT HANSEN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
DNA.

FURTHER, DNA ADVISED THAT MANY OF THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED
BY HANSEN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
WHEN QUERIED, DNA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] HANSEN. ALSO, DNA COULD ONLY SPECULATE AS TO

HANSEN'S [REDACTED]

DNA OR

THE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
ACCORDINGLY, WMFO REQUESTS FBIHQ AUTHORITY FOR PAID ALTO
RA TO INTERVIEW HANSEN SUCH THAT THIS MATTER MAY BE BROUGHT TO
A LOGICAL CONCLUSION.

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TRANSMIT VIA: AIRTEL

CLASSIFICATION: ~~SECRET~~

DATE: 6/25/93

FROM: Director, FBI

TO: SAC, Washington Metropolitan Field {65X-WF-186166} {P}
SAC, San Francisco

POSSIBLE UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF
CLASSIFIED INFORMATION TO CHUCK HANSEN, ET AL
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ESP-X;
OO: WMFO

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REASON: 1.5 (C)
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380202 4-24-97

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Re WMFO teletype to the Bureau, dated 6/19/93.

Re teletype requested authority for San Francisco (Palo Alto RA) to interview Chuck Hansen. In view of the investigation conducted to date by WMFO and San Francisco, FBIHQ authority is granted to interview Chuck Hansen to resolve this matter.

The interview is to be conducted according to FCIM 65-5.1 guidelines, and recorded on an FD-302 in the event this matter warrants possible prosecution.

Note:

Instant is in reference to WMFO's request to interview captioned subject.

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Date 5/5/93

RE: POSSIBLE UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE ^①
OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION TO CHUCK HANSEN, ET AL,
AT THE DEFENSE NUCLEAR AGENCY, WDC;
ESP-X;
OO: WF

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☐ optional ☐ action

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future
report, ☐ conceal all sources ☐ paraphrase contents

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____
dated _____.

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Re WMFO teletype to the Bureau, dated 4/30/93.

Enclosed for WMFO and San Francisco is a copy of an
airtel from FBIHQ to Los Angeles and Albuquerque, dated 4/1/93,
which provides the results of an indices search for Chuck Hansen
of Sunnyvale, California.

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TRANSMIT VIA: AIRTEL

CLASSIFICATION: ~~SECRET~~

DATE: 4/1/93

FROM: Director, FBI

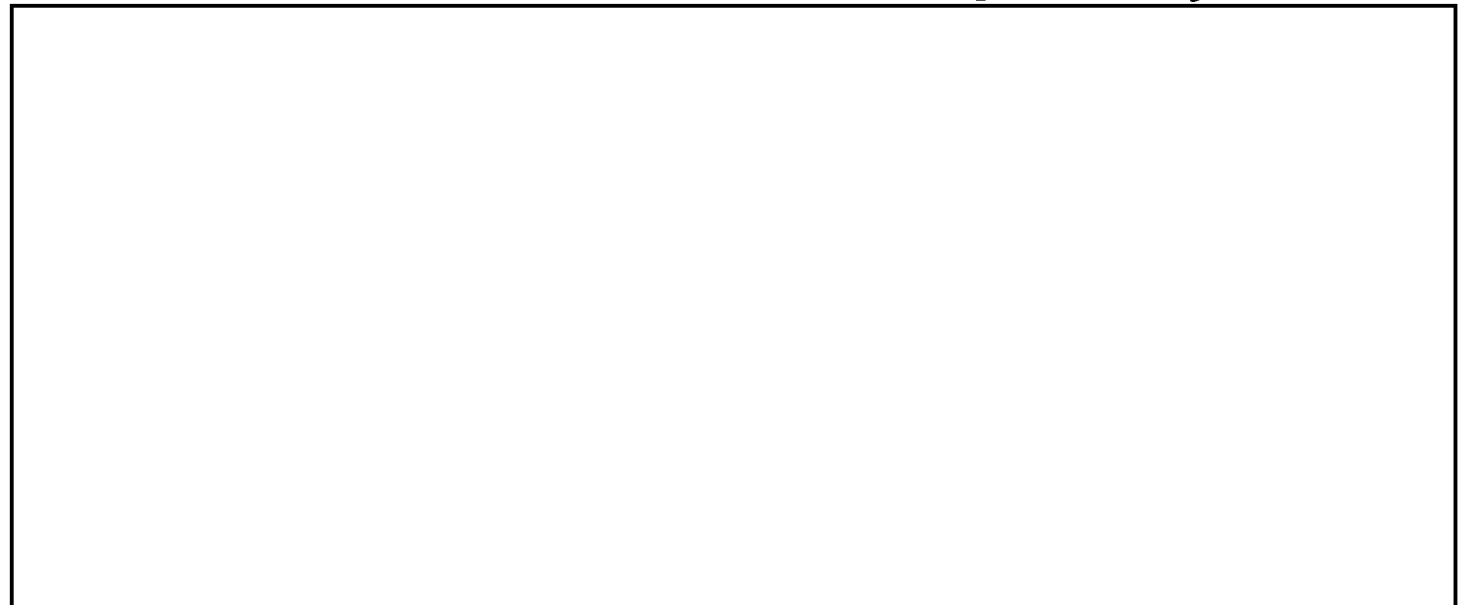
TO: SAC, Los Angeles
SAC, Albuquerque

CHUCK HANSEN
ESP-X
INFORMATION CONCERNING

This communication is classified ~~SECRET~~ in its entirety.

Re Albuquerque airtel to the Bureau, dated March 4, 1993.

For your information, a search of FBIHQ indices was conducted on captioned subject. FBIHQ indices contain the following information that is identical to captioned subject.



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Chuck Hansen

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FBIHQ files indicated that a Peninsula Times Tribune article dated December 11, 1980, mentioned that Charles Hansen was a Mountain View, California, computer programmer, who used public information entirely to compile hydrogen bomb descriptions..

Chuck Hansen submitted a FOIPA request to the FBI in 1988. He was interested in obtaining a copy of the "KGB and the Library Target, 1962-Present," as mentioned in an Associated Press wire service story printed in the San Francisco Chronicle, dated May 18, 1988.

Bureau files also indicated that Chuck Hansen submitted a FOIPA request in 1988, to obtain any records pertaining to himself from 1947-1988.

Note:

Instant forwards Los Angeles the results of a Bureau indices search for captioned subject.

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PASS: WMFO CI-4, SA

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RE WMFO TT DATED 4/30/93; BUREAU ROUTING SLIP DATED
5/5/93 WITH ATTACHED BUREAU AIRTEL DATED 4/1/93 CAPTIONED

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"CHUCK HANSEN"; WMFO AIRTEL DATED 5/11/93; ALBUQUERQUE AIRTELS DATED 3/4/93 AND 4/21/93 CAPTIONED "CHUCK HANSEN".

RE WMFO TT SET FORTH TO SF TO CHECK INDICES, FILES AND CONDUCT OTHER LOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS IN AN ATTEMPT TO FURTHER IDENTIFY CAPTIONED SUBJECT CHUCK HANSEN RESIDING AT 1086 SOUTH BERNARDO AVE., SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA. WMFO REQUESTED NO DIRECT CONTACT OR INTERVIEW OF HANSEN AT THIS TIME.

RE BUREAU ROUTING SLIP DATED 5/5/93 WITH ATTACHED BUREAU AIRTEL DATED 4/1/93 PROVIDED RESULTS OF FBIHQ INDICES SEARCH OF CHUCK HANSEN. RESULTS OF THESE INDICES CHECKS INDICATED THE INDIVIDUAL TO BE CHARLES ROBERT HANSEN, DOB 5/5/47, POB KANSAS, SSAN ^{b2} [REDACTED] SECRET CLEARANCE GRANTED 4/4/78, EMPLOYER FORD AEROSPACE COMPANY, PALO ALTO, CA.

A REVIEW OF SF INDICES AND FILES REVEALED THAT HANSEN FILED A FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST ON 5/4/88 UNDER SF FILE 190-1750. THE REQUEST WAS SUBMITTED ON STATIONARY LISTING THE NAME OF CHUCK HANSEN, AVIATION HISTORIAN AND CONSULTANT, 1086 SOUTH BERNARDO AVE., SUNNYVALE, CA. 94087. HANSEN PROVIDED BACKGROUND INFORMATION INDICATING HIS NAME TO BE CHARLES ROBERT HANSEN, AKA CHUCK HANSEN, BORN 5/13/47 IN SALINA, SALINE COUNTY, KANSAS WITH A SSAN OF ^{b2} [REDACTED] HANSEN ALSO

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PROVIDED TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF [REDACTED] ^{b7C} AND [REDACTED]

THE BUREAU AND WMFO SHOULD NOTE THE DISCREPANCIES IN DOB AND SSAN AS SHOWN IN REFERENCED BUREAU COMMUNICATION. CORRECT INFORMATION SHOULD INDICATE A DOB OF 5/13/47 AND SSAN OF [REDACTED] ^{b2}

[REDACTED] IN THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST, HANSEN SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED AREAS OF HIS ACTIVITIES BETWEEN 1979 AND 1983 RELATING TO THE FEDERAL CIVIL LAWSUIT AGAINST THE PROGRESSIVE MAGAZINE (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, PLAINTIFF, VS THE PROGRESSIVE INCORPORATED; [REDACTED]

AND [REDACTED] DEFENDANTS, CIVIL ACTION, 79-C-98, FILED MARCH, 1979 IN THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN). HANSEN ALSO IDENTIFIED CIVIL CASE 79-C-2681-RHS, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, PLAINTIFF VS INDEPENDENT BERKELEY STUDENT PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC.; [REDACTED] AND

[REDACTED] DEFENDANTS, FILED IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, SEPTEMBER, 1979.

SF RESPONDED TO HANSEN'S FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST ON 7/5/88 INDICATING THAT NO RECORDS WERE LOCATED THAT WERE RESPONSIVE TO HIS REQUEST. FBIHQ FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PRIVACY ACTS RESPONDED TO HANSEN'S REQUEST ON 3/22/89

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INDICATING THAT A SEARCH HAD LOCATED THREE DOCUMENTS
RESPONSIVE TO HIS REQUEST. THESE DOCUMENTS ORIGINATED WITH
OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND THE BUREAU REFERRED HIS REQUEST
TO THOSE AGENCIES FOR DIRECT RESPONSE.

ON 6/2/93, RECORDS OF THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR
VEHICLES, REVEALED THAT CALIFORNIA DRIVER'S LICENSE N2600355
IS ISSUED TO CHARLES ROBERT HANSEN BORN 5/13/47 AND CURRENTLY
RESIDES AT 1086 SOUTH BERNARDO AVE., SUNNYVALE, CA. 94087.
HANSEN IS DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE, 5'11" TALL WEIGHING 190
POUNDS WITH BLONDE HAIR AND BLUE EYES. HANSEN MUST WEAR
CORRECTIVE LENSES WHILE DRIVING.

PHYSICAL OBSERVATION AT THE ADDRESS 1086 SOUTH BERNARDO
AVE., SUNNYVALE, CA., DETERMINED THAT TO BE A SINGLE FAMILY
RESIDENCE. VEHICLES OBSERVED PARKED AT THE RESIDENCE INCLUDE
A [] TOYOTA PICKUP BEARING CALIFORNIA LICENSE [] AND A
[] VOLKSWAGEN BEARING CALIFORNIA LICENSE [] BOTH b7C
VEHICLES WERE DETERMINED TO BE REGISTERED TO CHARLES ROBERT
HANSEN OR [] AT THAT ADDRESS.

RECORDS OF THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES
INDICATED THAT CALIFORNIA LICENSE [] IS ISSUED TO b7C
[] BORN [] RESIDING AT []

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[REDACTED] CA. SHE HAS ALSO BEEN KNOWN TO USE
THE NAME [REDACTED] SHE IS DESCRIBED AS [REDACTED]
FEMALE, [REDACTED] TALL, WEIGHING [REDACTED] POUNDS WITH [REDACTED] AND
[REDACTED]

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FURTHER REVIEW OF THE FILES CONCERNING THE TELEPHONES
NUMBERS PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED BY HANSEN DETERMINED THAT
TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] IS HANSEN'S RESIDENTIAL PHONE
NUMBER AT 1086 SOUTH BERNARDO AVE., SUNNYVALE, CA. TELEPHONE
[REDACTED] WAS DETERMINED TO BE A NUMBER SUBSCRIBED TO BY
LITTON APPLIED TECHNOLOGY LOCATED AT 4747 HELLYER AVE., SAN
JOSE, CA. LITTON APPLIED TECHNOLOGY IS A U.S. GOVERNMENT
CONTRACTOR AND DOD CLEARED FACILITY.

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ON 6/21/93, [REDACTED] LITTON
APPLIED TECHNOLOGY, ADVISED THAT CHARLES ROBERT HANSEN WAS
PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED AT THAT COMPANY. RECORDS INDICATE THAT
HANSEN WAS HIRED ON 8/24/87 AND HELD THE POSITION OF SENIOR
QUALITY ASSURANCE ENGINEER IN THE SOFTWARE DIVISION. HANSEN
HELD A SECRET LEVEL DOD SECURITY CLEARANCE WHICH WAS GRANTED
BY THE DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL SECURITY CLEARANCE OFFICE ON
1/29/88. HANSEN TERMINATED HIS EMPLOYMENT AT APPLIED

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REFERENCED SAN FRANCISCO TEL ADVISED THAT CHUCK HANSEN WAS CONTACTED AT HIS RESIDENCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF AN INTERVIEW. AFTER INITIALLY AGREEING TO THE SAME AT HIS ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, HANSEN SUBSEQUENTLY CANCELED THIS INTERVIEW. THEREAFTER, HANSEN REQUESTED THAT ALL QUESTIONS BE PUT IN WRITING OR THAT THE FBI SHOULD CONTACT HIS ATTORNEY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. (WDC), [REDACTED] AT TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]
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ON 8/10/93, AN ARTICLE APPEARED IN THE LOCAL AND STATE SECTION OF THE SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS ENTITLED "NUCLEAR HISTORIAN RUFFLES THE FBI." THE OPENING PARAGRAPH STATED THAT "THE FBI IS MAKING AN INQUIRY INTO THE RESEARCH OF A SOMETIMES CONTROVERSIAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS HISTORIAN FROM SUNNYVALE - AN INQUIRY THE HISTORIAN DESCRIBES AS AN ATTEMPT AT INTIMIDATION."

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ON 8/11/93, THE CASE AGENT WAS IN CONTACT WITH [REDACTED]
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AGENCY (DNA), [REDACTED] VIRGINIA WAS
CONTACTED AND BRIEFED REGARDING THIS MATTER. [REDACTED] NOTED
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ADVISED THAT HE HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY HANSEN BUT WAS UNAWARE OF THE PARTICULARS AND SPECIFICS OF THE FBI INQUIRY. FURTHER,

[REDACTED] WANTED TO KNOW IF THERE WERE ANY "CRIMINAL

IMPLICATIONS" TO THIS MATTER. THE CASE AGENT ADVISED THAT THERE COULD BE CRIMINAL IMPLICATIONS INASMUCH AS THE GENESIS OF THIS MATTER CONCERNED ALLEGED UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE AND/OR POSSESSION OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION. [REDACTED] NOTED THAT HE WISHED TO SPEAK AGAIN TO HANSEN AND WOULD RECONTACT THE CASE AGENT WITH THE INTENTION OF A FUTURE MEETING.

IN THE REFERENCED NEWSPAPER ARTICLE, HANSEN DENIED THAT ANYONE LEAKED ANY SECRET INFORMATION TO HIM. IN POINT OF FACT, HANSEN ASSERTED THAT "HE FOUND REFERENCES TO THE DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING PAGE NUMBERS IN OFFICIAL UNCLASSIFIED

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IN HIS BOOK PUBLISHED IN 1988 AND ENTITLED "U.S. NUCLEAR
WEAPONS, THE SECRET HISTORY" HANSEN, IN A SECTION CALLED "A
NOTE ABOUT SOURCES," LISTED NUMEROUS SOURCES WITHIN THE
MILITARY AND FURTHER NOTED THAT "SEVERAL HUNDRED MORE
DECLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS WERE PROVIDED BY THE DEFENSE NUCLEAR
AGENCY'S NUCLEAR TEST PERSONNEL REVIEW (NTPR PROGRAM) WHICH
HAS RESULTED IN THE ISSUANCE OF 45 VOLUMES DETAILING
ATMOSPHERIC AND UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TESTING BY THE U.S. SINCE
1945."

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HANSEN'S ASSERTIONS RELATIVE TO HIS SOURCES WHICH SEEM TO BE
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Re San Francisco teletype dated 8/9/93.

Enclosed for the Bureau and WMFO is one copy each
 of the following:

1) Newspaper article from August 10, 1993, edition
 of the San Jose Mercury News, San Jose, California, titled
 "NUCLEAR WEAPONS HISTORIAN RUFFLES THE FBI".

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2) Copies of selected pages from the book, U.S. Nuclear Weapons - The Secret History by CHUCK HANSEN, including Table of Contents, comments by CHUCK HANSEN, Forward, A Note About Sources, Acknowledgements, and the jacket cover article about CHUCK HANSEN.

3) Copy of DD Form 49, Personnel Security Questionnaire and 16 Point Questionnaire filed by CHUCK HANSEN on 2/22/88.

As reported in referenced San Francisco teletype, attempts to interview Mr. CHARLES ROBERT (CHUCK) HANSEN, 1086 South Bernardo Avenue, Sunnyvale, California, resulted in Mr. HANSEN contacting his attorney, [redacted] in San Francisco, California, prior to submitting to an interview. Interview date was then set for 8/10/93, however, HANSEN contacted the case agent at the Palo Alto Resident Agency on 8/9/93, and canceled any interview with the FBI and demanded that all questions to him be placed in writing or the agent could contact second attorney in Washington, D.C., by the name of [redacted] at telephone number [redacted] b7C

Mr. HANSEN apparently then contacted reporter [redacted] of the San Jose Mercury News, San Jose, California, to report the FBI's attempted interview as intimidation. Reporter [redacted] was then in contact with San Francisco Division Media Representative on 8/9/93. These contacts then resulted in reporter [redacted] article which appeared in the San Jose Mercury News on 8/10/93. A copy of the news article is enclosed herewith.

San Francisco case agent also obtained a library copy of CHUCK HANSEN's book titled U.S. Nuclear Weapons - The Secret History, in preparation for interview with HANSEN. Copies of selected pages from that book are also enclosed herewith for additional information concerning HANSEN and his methods of research. This book appears to be a very comprehensive historical account of the U.S. development of nuclear weapons and weapons testing. HANSEN details his method of obtaining previously classified documents through Freedom of Information request with various U.S. government agencies and branches of the military service. HANSEN also

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acknowledges many people who have assisted and contributed to his research and among those he cites [redacted]

[redacted] of the Defense Nuclear Agency as individuals who supplied periodic updates of lists of source documents for the Defense Nuclear Agency's Nuclear Test Personnel Review (NTPR) Radiological Histories.

It would appear from HANSEN's book that possibly [redacted] may still be providing HANSEN with information necessary to make his Freedom of Information requests. It should be noted, however, that in the enclosed newspaper article, HANSEN states that he obtains his information in official unclassified histories of an agency called the Armed Forces Special Weapons Command.

WMFO is encouraged to obtain a copy of HANSEN's book for additional information that might be pertinent to this investigation.

Also enclosed for WMFO and the Bureau is a copy of detailed personnel security questionnaire filed by HANSEN in 1988 when working for a defense contractor. HANSEN lists membership in numerous organizations which could serve as sources for his historical research.

In view of HANSEN's uncooperative behavior and unwillingness to submit to a Bureau interview regarding this matter, San Francisco is conducting no further investigation and is considering this matter RUC'd.

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Nuclear weapons historian ruffles the FBI

BY DAN STOBER
Mercury News Staff Writer

The FBI is making an inquiry into the research of a sometimes-controversial nuclear weapons historian from Sunnyvale — an inquiry the historian describes as an attempt at intimidation.

Chuck Hansen, an engineer who is working on the second edition of his book, "U.S. Nuclear Weapons, The Secret History," was awakened Friday morning by a phone call from Roger Edstrom, an FBI agent in Palo Alto.

"He said he wanted to come down and talk to me about what I was doing," Hansen said.

Hansen declined the offer, and later told Edstrom to write him a letter if he had specific questions. The bureau is apparently curious about how Hansen, whose updated book deals with nuclear weapons in the post-Cold War era, seemed to know the details of some classified documents.

'First of all, it's a national security matter, so we can't comment on the specifics of it.'

— Rick Smith, an FBI agent
in San Francisco

Hansen is no stranger to investigations: In 1979, he thrust himself into the middle of the celebrated Progressive case, in which the federal government attempted to ban Progressive magazine from publishing an article on the inner workings of the hydrogen bomb. Hansen supplied an H-bomb design of his own and sponsored the "National Collegiate H-Bomb Design Contest."

But he's had no problems with the government since then, even in 1988 when he published his book, the most detailed look at

the U.S. nuclear arsenal in print. Over the years, Hansen has earned for himself a niche in the relatively small circle of university and government nuclear historians, despite his lack of academic credentials.

"He published a book and nobody said anything. Now he's starting to do an update on it and somebody's sicking the FBI on him," said Hansen's lawyer, Bill Boyd of San Francisco. "How un-

comfortable would you be?"

Hansen's stock in trade is the federal Freedom of Information Act, which he uses to pry loose government documents, many of which were once classified as secret.

Based on what the FBI told his lawyer about the bureau's recent inquiry, Hansen thinks requests he made under the act generated

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the bureau's questions.

Hansen had sent letters to the Defense Nuclear Agency in Washington asking that specific pages of certain classified documents be declassified. That seeming familiarity with supposedly secret reports may have aroused suspicion, Hansen said.

But no one leaked any secret information to him, Hansen maintained. He found references to the documents, including page numbers, in official, unclassified histories of an agency called the Armed Forces Special Weapons Command.

If that's the case, suggested Rick Smith, an FBI agent in San Francisco, "Why doesn't he just tell us that?"

"I think Chuck is still in a state of shock and he may be angry," said Boyd.

"I was scared in 1979," Hansen said. "Now when I hear the government is after me, I get mad as hell."

The FBI would not discuss the case in detail.

"First of all, it's a national security matter, so we can't com-

ment on the specifics of it," Smith said. He added, however, that the FBI does not investigate citizens just because they file requests under the Freedom of Information Act.

Despite the end of the cold war, the U.S. government has become more, not less, concerned about many nuclear weapons documents, intelligence experts say, fearing the documents could prove useful to Third World nations attempting to develop bombs of their own.

U.S. NUCLEAR WEAPONS



THE SECRET HISTORY

CHUCK HANSEN

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There are no secrets except the secrets that keep themselves.
—George Bernard Shaw,
Back to Methuselah (1921)

Since the end of WWII, a vast empire has arisen—largely unnoticed in the United States. Conceived in secrecy during the war, its scope and products have remained beyond the public consciousness, except when its exploits or blunders have brought it widespread national or international attention.

This secret empire has cost taxpayers dearly: \$89 billion in development costs since 1940, and \$700 billion for delivery systems for its products.¹ The sheer volume and number of these products is mind-boggling: between 1945 and 1986, the nuclear weapons production complex in the U.S. manufactured approximately 60,000 warheads of 71 types for 116 different weapons systems. Of these warheads, 29 types remain in the current inventory. Since 1945, the U.S. Army has deployed 21 types of nuclear warheads; the U.S. Navy/Marine Corps, 34; and the U.S. Air Force, 43. Another 29 "candidate" warhead types were canceled before reaching production, and an unknown number of other warhead designs have never progressed beyond paper studies. By mid-1987, the U.S. had detonated more than 850 nuclear devices and weapons on the surface of the earth, underground, underwater, in the atmosphere, and in space during tests in, over, and under the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, and in several states in the continental U.S.²

The U.S. government has always gone to extreme lengths to keep this orgy of nuclear self-indulgence hidden from public view. Even though the weapons labs, research centers, and production complexes and their artifacts are well-known to the Soviet government, they remain a mystery to most of the citizens of the United States.³ Literally tens of millions of documents chronicling this vast "black project" remain locked in vaults, well-protected behind a formidable wall of secrecy, and hidden in perpetuity by one of the largest permanent classification establishments in the entire U.S. government.

The U.S. Department of Energy's willingness to go to extreme lengths to protect this status quo was illustrated quite dramatically a few years ago when an obscure political magazine in Madison, Wisconsin attempted to publish an article about the American nuclear weapons complex. The article described the products of the secret empire by means of an illustrated account of the operation and design of a hypothetical thermonuclear weapon. The U.S. Department of Energy, specifically, James R. Schlesinger, its director at the time, requested the Department of Justice to seek an injunction to prevent republication of a collection of information that had been in the public domain for many years (much of this data had been released by DOE and its predecessor agencies).⁴ A compliant judge was found, and a preliminary injunction against publication was issued quickly. The battle to overturn this injunction lasted for six months in 1979 (the longest prior restraint on publication in the history of the country) until the government, faced with the strong possibility of a precedent-setting unfavorable court ruling, dropped the case in the fall. I was a key participant in the case: a letter I wrote to a U.S. senator, analyzing the government's misbehavior and probable motives for bringing suit against publication, finally forced an end to the original injunction in Wisconsin and a second injunction against a student newspaper in California. Since 1979, the government has maintained an embarrassed silence about the case.

¹ *Nuclear Weapons Databook, Volume II: U.S. Nuclear Warhead Production*, Thomas B. Cochran, William M. Arkin, Robert S. Norris, and Milton M. Hoenig, Ballinger Publishing Company, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1986, p. 2.

² *Nuclear Weapons Databook*, Vol. II, p. 5. This total includes an estimated 20 to 30 nuclear weapons tests (announced and unannounced) conducted by the U.S. from the beginning of 1986 to mid-1987.

³ The atomic weapons complex in the U.S. has been riddled by Russian agents since the earliest days of the Manhattan Project; in addition, Soviet "spy" satellites, like their American counterparts, now routinely survey nuclear facilities and test sites.

⁴ The move against *The Progressive* was the culmination of a three-year long personal campaign by Schlesinger to suppress privately-generated nuclear weapons data and speculation. His first two victims had not contested his actions.

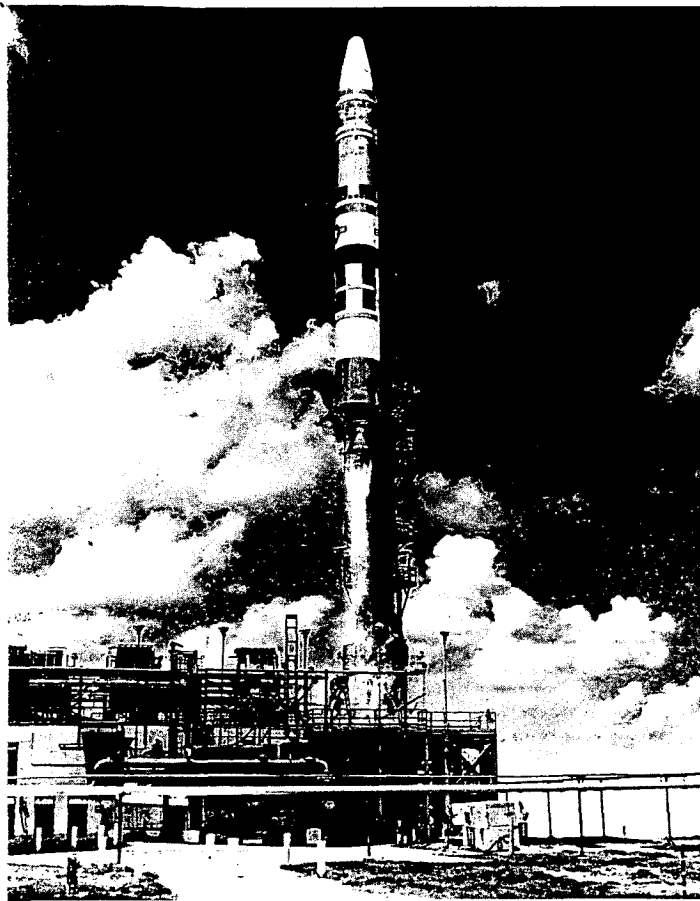


The spray plume from 8 kiloton "Hardtack Umbrella" detonation inside Eniwetok lagoon on June 9, 1958. "Umbrella" device was on bottom of lagoon in 180 ft. of water; plume rose to 5,000 ft. in 20 seconds. (DNA 24-DPY-11-7)

One of the purposes of this book is to shed more light on the history and products of the secret empire, and to provide at least a partial history and description of some aspects of U.S. nuclear weapons development and testing programs since the end of WWII. As has been the case with all of this writer's previous articles on this subject, all of the information in this book is republished or derived from *unclassified* documents (including some very informative government reports newly declassified specifically for this monograph). Extensive footnotes in each chapter cite specific sources for many of the points discussed (footnotes are gathered together at the end of each chapter). All conclusions and opinions are those of the author (except where noted) and have not been reviewed, edited, verified, or approved by any agency of the United States government.

Chuck Hansen
July 1987

FOREWORD



Martin "Titan II" ICBM being launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida, July 25, 1962. This was the beginning of a partially successful 5,000 mile mission. It was prematurely terminated when the second stage propulsion system failed. (166893 USAF)

The nuclear age was born in secrecy. That was perfectly natural and understandable. It was wartime, after all, and the scientists and technicians assembled in the Manhattan Project were certain that they were engaged in a life-and-death struggle. They were building a new and terrible super-weapon (though most had no inkling of how terrible it would turn out to be) and they were sure that the enemy—Nazi Germany—was making a comparable effort. They feared, in fact, that the enemy was ahead in the race to develop atomic weaponry.

As it turned out, the enemy was far behind. By the time atomic weapons were detonated in the summer of 1945—first a test explosion in the New Mexico desert, then the bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki—Germany had surrendered and total U.S. victory was in sight. The atom bomb was no longer the desperate recourse of an embattled nation fighting to preserve the values of Western democracy; it had become something else.

President Truman, returning from the Potsdam Conference aboard the U.S.S. *Augusta*, was informed of the bombing of Hiroshima and exclaimed, "This is the greatest thing in history!" What made it so great, in his mind and the minds of other policymakers, was that the United States now had a monopoly on the most frightful weapon ever devised by human ingenuity. Armed with that weapon, this nation would be able to fashion a postwar world to its liking. In particular, the other great superpower to emerge triumphant from World War II—the Soviet Union—would be held in check by America's nuclear monopoly. It was generally agreed that it would take many years—perhaps decades—for the Soviets to develop nuclear weapons of their own.

The new role of nuclear arms—to maintain and extend American hegemony around the world—meant that the wartime secrecy that had surrounded the Manhattan Project would have to be sustained in peacetime as well. In fact, there would be no more peacetime: We were entering the era of the Cold War, and wartime secrecy would apply—especially in the atomic realm.

This was not the wish of most of the atomic scientists. Albert Einstein,

whose letter to President Roosevelt warning of a German nuclear effort had launched the Manhattan Project, wrote on January 22, 1947:

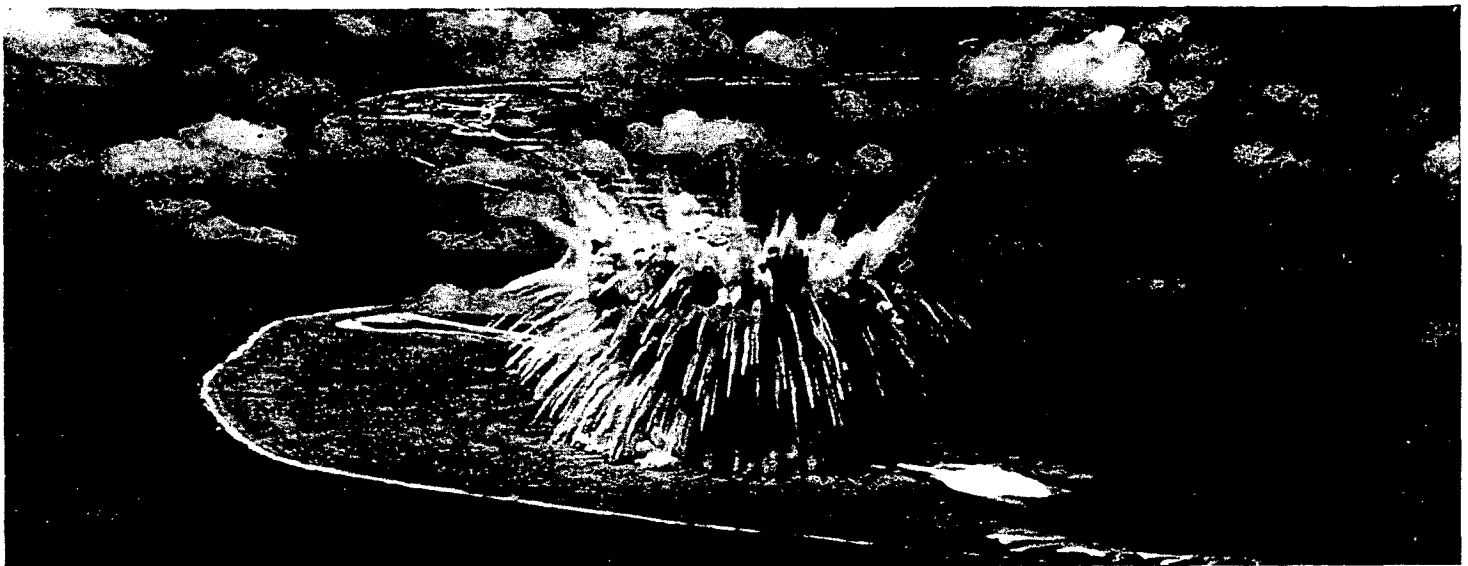
"Through the release of atomic energy, our generation has brought into the world the most revolutionary force since prehistoric man's discovery of fire. This basic force of the universe cannot be fitted into the outmoded concept of narrow nationalisms. For there is no secret and there is no defense; there is no possibility of control except through the aroused understanding and insistence of the peoples of the world. We scientists recognize our inescapable responsibility to carry to our fellow citizens an understanding of atomic energy and its implications for society. In this lies our only security and our only hope—we believe that an informed citizenry will act for life and not death."

Many joined Einstein in urging the broadest possible public understanding of nuclear technology. Only an informed people, they reasoned, would be able to engage in democratic decision-making on nuclear policy. Henry D. Smyth, the Princeton University physicist who compiled the Government's official report on the Manhattan Project, wrote:

"Here is a new tool for mankind, a tool of unimaginable destructive power. Its development raises many questions that must be answered in the near future. These questions are not technical questions; they are political and social questions, and the answers given to them may affect all mankind for generations. In a free country like ours, such questions should be debated by the people."

But other views prevailed. In the highest reaches of the Truman Administration and in the foreign-policy Establishment that was beginning to take control of U.S. affairs around the world, democratic decision-making about nuclear weaponry was considered "visionary" and "impractical". Atomic arms were to be screened from public understanding, wrapped in utmost secrecy, and entrusted to the care of a new elite—a nuclear priesthood that had a monopoly on information and would therefore exercise a monopoly on decision-making.

In effect, the nuclear age was to be exempted from the normal workings of the democratic process. A new law—the Atomic Energy Act of



The "Redwing Seminole" shot cloud a few seconds after detonation at Bogon Island, Eniwetok atoll, on June 6, 1956. A huge quantity of sand and coral is seen being thrown out by the explosion; the blast cloud later rose in a uniform cylinder to 16,000 ft., with no mushrooming and considerable initial fallout of entrained water. Bogon was severely contaminated afterwards and remains so to this day. (DNA 23-DPY-31-10)

1946—codified this decision by adopting the most draconian secrecy provisions ever enacted by Congress: All information about nuclear matters, whether or not it originated with the Government, was declared to be "restricted data" subject to Government control.

It is difficult to calculate the full consequences of nuclear secrecy on American society in the last half of the Twentieth Century. The impact has been sweeping and profound, reaching into areas far removed from nuclear weaponry. When the Soviet Union stunned the world by developing its own nuclear capability years sooner than had been anticipated, it was easy to foster the notion that spies were to blame; someone had given our secrets to the Russians. And with the spectacular spy scares of the late 1940s and early 1950s, the protection of nuclear secrets took on a truly sinister form: It became the rationale for political persecution and repression in the United States.

Atomic secrecy was, after all, the ostensible reason for the compilation of lists of "subversives" and the imposition of loyalty oaths among Government employees and many others. Any letter carrier, any school teacher, any file clerk in a Social Security office, might be an atomic spy funneling our precious secrets to the Russians. Nuclear secrecy was at the root of the hysteria that swept the nation. Schools and colleges were purged, scientists were hounded, and ordinary citizens had their lives disrupted when their neighbors reported them to the authorities for harboring "suspicious" views. Better to be safe than sorry when atomic spies were in our midst.

Even these, however, were not the most serious consequences of nuclear secrecy. Something even more sinister emerged in the atomic age: the notion that the world was so complex and incomprehensible that our Government's most important decisions had to be left to the experts—not just in matters of atomic arms but in all matters affecting what the Government was pleased to call "national security". For the first time in American history, the Government said to the people, "Trust us. We can't tell you what we know, but if we could tell you, you'd agree that we're doing the right thing." It was that kind of rhetoric that led the United States into the quagmire of Vietnam and into countless other adventures around the world, some of which have not yet come to public notice.

Atomic secrecy became the model and rationale for pervasive secrecy in all aspects and branches of government—especially those involving so-called national security. The circle of decision-makers has grown smaller and smaller—to the point where, if testimony in the Iran/contra arms scandal can be believed, even the President has at times been excluded. The most crucial decisions on matters of public policy are now often made by a small cabal accountable to no one.

What makes this all the more remarkable—and depressing—is that it is based on a hoax. The secret that lies at the core of our policy of nuclear secrecy is that there are no secrets—none, at least, that are of more than minor technical significance. Nuclear secrecy is a fraud. There is no bet-

ter witness to this reality than Dr. Edward Teller, often described as "the father of the H-bomb" and now the principal promoter of President's Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative. In Teller's judgment, all classified information should be declassified within six months—the maximum time that any scientific or technical information can be kept secret.

Teller once served on a nine-member Pentagon "Task Force on Secrecy" which concluded:

"With respect to technical information, it is understandable that our society would turn to secrecy in an attempt to optimize the advantage to national security that may be gained from new discoveries or innovations associated with science and engineering. However, it must be recognized, first, that certain kinds of technical information are easily discovered independently, or regenerated, once a reasonably sophisticated group decides it is worthwhile to do so.

"In spite of elaborate and very costly measures taken independently by the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. to preserve technical secrecy, neither the United Kingdom nor China was long delayed in developing hydrogen weapons. Also, classification of technical information impedes its flow within our own system, and may easily do far more harm than good by stifling critical discussion and review or by engendering frustration. There are many cases in which the declassification of technical information within our system probably had a beneficial effect and its classification has had a deleterious one."

Such serious and well-reasoned critiques of our system of secrecy have had no impact at all on official practice: In fact, Government secrecy grows constantly more burdensome. What's worse, most Americans seem to have bought whole-hog the notion that there are many things they are simply better off not knowing. I've had the experience more than once, when talking about specifics of the nuclear arms race, of having a listener extend an arm as if to fend me off, while saying, "Don't tell me about that. I don't want to know." And so secrecy thrives while our democracy founders.

Fortunately, the author of this book is a different kind of American—one who wants to know. The very idea of secrecy offends Chuck Hansen, and as this book testifies, when he's offended he does something about it. His wholesome mistrust of authority, his insistence on knowing the facts so that he can make up his own mind, make him the kind of citizen the founders of this Republic had in mind when they embraced the assumption of popular self-government.

I don't know enough about the technology of nuclear arms to judge whether Chuck Hansen has all his facts straight. But I know that he's made a conscientious effort to tell the truth—all of it. And that's more than I can say for any member of our Government's nuclear priesthood. Because he made that effort, we're all in Chuck Hansen's debt.

—Erwin Knoll,
Madison, Wisconsin,
August 1987

A NOTE ABOUT SOURCES

To write this book, I have drawn upon newly-released material whenever possible. The watchword of my work has been the credibility of my sources. For this reason more than any other, I have used official U.S. government documents as primary references. These include many documents declassified for me since 1981 following Freedom of Information requests to several branches of the U.S. Department of Energy; divisions of the U.S. Air Force including Aerospace Defense Command, Systems Command, Strategic Air Command, Tactical Air Command, Logistics Command, and the Office of USAF History; the U.S. Navy's Naval Air Historian at Naval Air Systems Command; and the Defense Nuclear Agency. More than 200 official USDOE, USAF, USN and DNA reports—never before made available in unclassified form to a journalist—were sources for this book.

Several hundred more declassified documents were provided by the Defense Nuclear Agency's Nuclear Test Personnel Review (NTPR) program, which has resulted in the issuance of 45 volumes detailing atmospheric and underground nuclear testing by the U.S. since 1945. Many of the source documents used to prepare these reports are now unclassified and several are cited in this book.

I also drew heavily from the Natural Resources Defense Council's *Nuclear Weapons Databook* volumes. I was a contributor to the first title in this series. The NRDC has also issued many excellent working papers regarding nuclear testing. Some of these are cited here.

The three volumes of the official U.S. Atomic Energy Commission history, as inadequate as they are concerning weapons development, were nonetheless a valuable source for historical information. Most of the documents from the Historian's Office of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission (now the U.S. Department of Energy) used for the first two volumes of this series have now been declassified, as well as most of the sources used for a 1955 AEC Secretariat thermonuclear weapons chronology.

Transcripts of U.S. Senate and House Armed Services Committees were another valuable source of technical weapons data. Several of these documents are cited. They are difficult to read, but they are authoritative.

Court documents—affidavits, transcripts, and legal briefs—filed by both sides in the *Progressive* case in 1979 were also a valuable reservoir of technical information, frequently pointing to other sources. Looking through them, I often wondered if the Energy and Justice Departments gave any consideration in February 1979 to how much information about atomic and thermonuclear weapons design might become public during and after the case, especially information far more accurate and specific than Howard Morland's initial speculations. Most of the federal court record was declassified and made available to the public between September 1980 and January 1981.

Literally dozens of popular books published between 1945 and 1987, as well as scores of magazine and newspaper articles, were also reviewed as possible sources for this book. Although some of the historical data in these publications is accurate, most of the technical data they present is terribly incomplete or incorrect since the massive revelations during the

Progressive case (even a number of books about the *Progressive* case are inaccurate and incomplete). In places where I have cited these documents or articles as sources, it was only after corroborative information became available from other, usually official, sources. Most of the authors of these earlier books suffered from a lack of access to accurate unclassified information, or, if their writers possessed active or inactive Department of Energy or Department of Defense security clearances, they were legally bound not to tell all they knew. In the absence of credible accurate information, erroneous data has propagated quickly and widely from one book to another. This has been especially true of the mythology surrounding discovery of the Teller-Ulam H-bomb design concepts. That mythology is dispelled completely here for the first time: the information was always available. No author had ever taken the time or made the analyses necessary to determine the complete story. Before the *Progressive* case, most of the authors did not even know what the Teller-Ulam principles were.

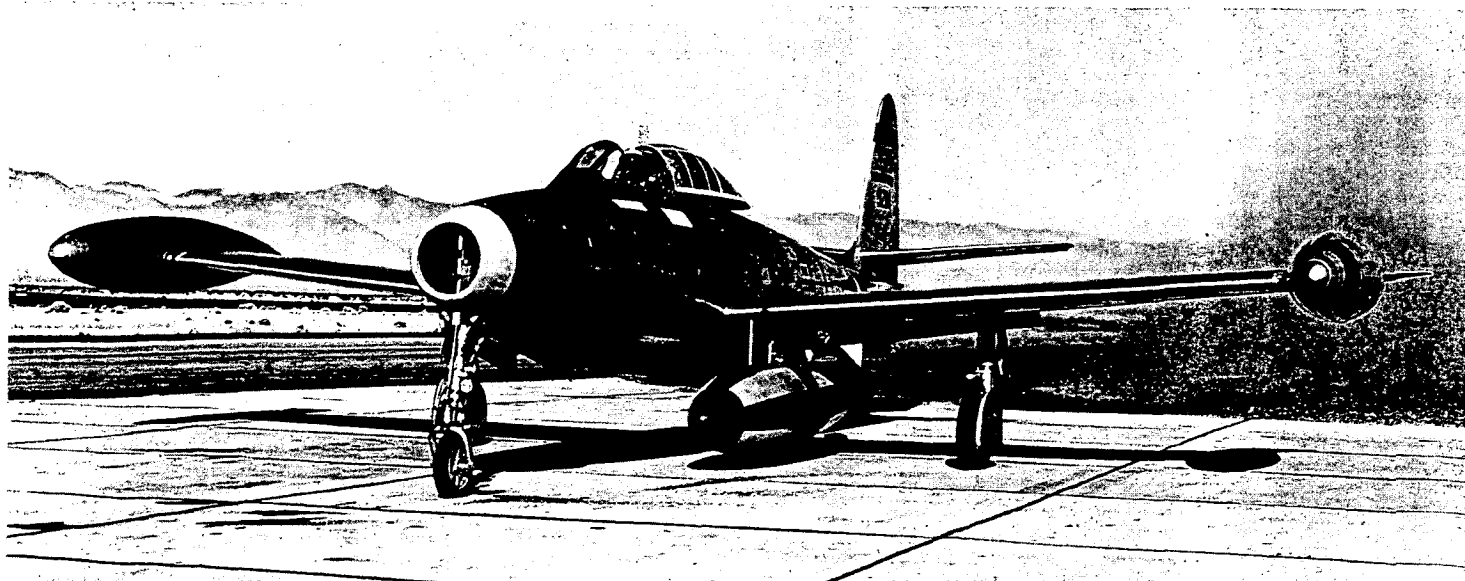
Another major source for this book was an unpublished nuclear weapons monograph I assembled in 1975. A small portion of that document appeared in 1976 in *Replica in Scale*, a now-defunct Texas aeromodelling journal. The skeleton of that monograph survives in the overview sections and chapter headings in this book.

Photographs were supplied by a number of sources. The major ones are credited in the photo captions as follows:

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A "Boar" Rocket marked for improved visibility and camera tracking purposes, is seen suspended from the special left wing inboard pylon of Republic F-84E, 49-2114, at Kirtland AFB, New Mexico during November 1953. (USN)



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Chuck Hansen
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Boeing IM-99A "BOMARC" air-defense missile in its launch bay. The "BOMARC" was armed with a W-40 warhead which was derived from the primary of the MK 28 gravity bomb. Both the MK 28 and W-40 suffered from one-point safety problems. (Boeing)

U.S. NUCLEAR WEAPONS

CHUCK HANSEN

Since the end of World War II, the U.S. nuclear weapons program has cost taxpayers \$89 billion in development costs and \$700 billion for delivery systems for its products. The sheer volume and number of these products is mind-boggling: approximately 60,000 warheads of 71 types for 116 different weapon systems, including gravity bombs, artillery shells, missile warheads, anti-submarine weapons, and land mines.

In spite of this vast proliferation, unclassified documentation of these engines of Armageddon remains nearly nonexistent. Official histories remain well-hidden behind a formidable wall of silence and secrecy and well-protected by the largest permanent classification establishment in the government and by an agency that does not hesitate to suppress even previously-published information.

This encyclopedic work breaks through the wall of secrecy and presents for the first time historical and technical data for every nuclear warhead built by the U.S. since 1945. The most comprehensive technical history ever written about the postwar development of American nuclear weapons, this book includes explanations of fission and fusion weapon physics; significant postwar technological advancements in atomic warheads; and commonly-used warhead arming and fuzing equipment and techniques.

A lengthy chapter details for the first time the painfully slow and halting U.S. hydrogen bomb program, from the first theoretical discussions in 1922 to the 1951 design "breakthrough" and the rapid improvement of thermonuclear weapons between 1952 and 1962. Major nuclear weapons test series in the Pacific and in Nevada are also described in detail.

Full histories and specifications are provided in a following chapter for 89 numbered U.S. nuclear warheads from the primitive MK I *Little Boy* to the "high-tech" W-89 *Sea Lance*. These histories set this book apart from earlier U.S. nuclear weapons references which merely quote data without presenting tactical or political justification for development of a particular warhead or weapon system. Individual weapon histories are supplemented by photos (most never before published) and drawings.

All of the information in this book is derived or drawn exclusively from unclassified sources, including many documents newly-released specifically for this work. Extensive footnotes cite all major sources.



Mr. Hansen has been studying and writing about American nuclear weapons since 1971. He is a contributor to Volumes 1 and 2 of the *Nuclear Weapons Databook* (Ballinger, 1984 and 1987), and in 1979, he was instrumental in ending the prosecution of *The Progressive* magazine by the U.S. Departments of

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The ice-cap topped *Castle Romeo* fireball rises through a series of condensation rings a few minutes after detonation. The fireball rose to 44,000 feet in one minute; the cloud top reached 110,000 feet. (DNA)

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Hardtime 11, a Martin B-57 D sampler aircraft near the *Hardtack I* *Juniper* shot cloud over Eninman Island, Bikini Atoll, July 22, 1958. *Juniper* was the last nuclear test conducted at Bikini. *Hardtime 11* sampled during runs between 14,000 and 47,000 feet; the *Juniper* shot cloud reached 40,000 feet. The B-57D was new to nuclear testing during *Hardtack* and allowed sampling at higher altitudes. Removable paper collection filters were fitted behind the noses of the wingtip pods. The potential for radiation exposure was high for both air and ground crews. (DNA)

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Up to six B-83 thermonuclear gravity bombs (practice shapes) can be mounted on a single-bar Rockwell B-1B rotary launcher. The B-1B can carry up to 24 B-83s in its three weapons bays. (Boeing via Don Logan)

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An aerial view of the fast-rising *Castle Romeo* fireball. The mushroom cloud spread out horizontally more than six miles during the first minute; after ten minutes, it covered nearly sixty miles. (DNA)

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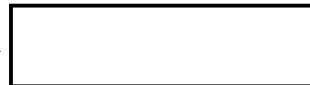
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THE BOOK IS IN HARD COVER LISTED AT A RETAIL PRICE OF \$29.95.
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IN A SECTION OF THE BOOK CALLED "A NOTE ABOUT SOURCES",
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CONTACTED THE CASE AGENT AND ADVISED HIM THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED THE MATTER AT HAND WITH HIS CLIENT, CHUCK HANSEN.

[REDACTED] PREFACED HIS REMARKS BY NOTING THAT HE WAS NOT WAIVING ANY ASPECTS OF THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT HIS CLIENT DENIES ANY AND ALL ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING A POSSIBLE COMPROMISE OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION. [REDACTED] CONTENDED THAT THE DEFENSE NUCLEAR AGENCY (DNA) WAS GUILTY OF INACCURATE RECORD KEEPING AND HAD ALREADY RELEASED PORTIONS OF (REQUESTED THROUGH FOIA) DOCUMENTS INTO THE PUBLIC RECORD UNDER A COVER LETTER.

FURTHER, [REDACTED] STATED THAT THE SPECIFICITY OF HIS CLIENT'S FOIA REQUESTS HAD BEEN TAKEN FROM INDEXES AND TABLES OF CONTENTS FROM PREVIOUSLY RELEASED AND DECLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS.

[REDACTED] CONTINUED THAT HIS CLIENT WAS QUITE UPSET ABOUT THIS MATTER AND WANTED TO RESOLVE IT. [REDACTED] WAS ADVISED THAT THE FBI INTENDED TO CONTACT DNA OFFICIALS AND REQUEST THAT THEY REVIEW THIS MATTER AND SUBMIT FACT SPECIFIC QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO SPECIFIC AND INDIVIDUAL (INCLUDING PAGE NUMBERS,

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ETC.) REQUESTS SUBMITTED BY CHUCK HANSEN. UPON RECEIPT OF THESE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS AS FORMULATED BY THE DNA, THE FBI WOULD PRESENT THE SAME TO HANSEN'S ATTORNEY. SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF THIS MATTER WOULD BE REDUCED TO HANSEN GIVING SPECIFIC ANSWERS TO THE SPECIFICALLY POSED DNA QUESTIONS TO THE SATISFACTION OF DNA OFFICIALS.

[] RESPONDED THAT HE COULD NOT, WITH ANY CERTAINTY, ENSURE THAT HIS CLIENT WOULD FAVORABLY RESPOND BUT THAT THIS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AND RECOMMENDED AS A COURSE OF RESOLUTION BY HIM TO HIS CLIENT.

[] ASKED THE SA TO CONTACT HIM WHEN THE FINISHED PRODUCT WAS IN HAND.

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ON 8/20/93, [] DNA WAS CONTACTED AND APPRAISED OF THE RECENT CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS. [] WAS ADVISED OF THE NEED FOR DNA TO RE-REVIEW HANSEN'S FOIA REQUESTS AND FORMULATE FACT SPECIFIC QUESTIONS. [] AGREED TO THIS AS A SATISFACTORY MEANS OF RESOLVING THIS MATTER AND WILL RE-CONTACT THE CASE AGENT UPON COMPLETION OF THE SAME.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 (ATTN: INTD, CI-1C, SSA LIZ CASSELL)
 FROM : SAC, WMFO (65X-WF-186166) (C) (CI-4)
 SUBJECT : POSSIBLE UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF CLASSIFIED
 INFORMATION TO CHUCK HANSEN, ET AL, AT THE
 DEFENSE NUCLEAR AGENCY (DNA);
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[redacted] (S) b1
 On Wednesday, October 13, 1993, the case agent met
 with [redacted] DNA,
 [redacted] Virginia. [redacted] was given
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[redacted] advised that DNA [redacted]

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[redacted] CHUCK

HANSEN [redacted]
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At this time, [redacted] advised that DNA [redacted]
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[redacted] thanked the case agent for the FBI's assistance and cooperation in this matter.

Accordingly, WMFO is placing this matter in a closed status.

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